The Park Avenue Synagogue

Bulletin

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Congregation Accepts Member Applications

The Membership Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ezra Cohen, wishes to announce that after a lapse of several years, membership in the Synagogue is now available to about 150 applicants under certain conditions.

New members will worship in the main Auditorium except on three occasions: the first morning of *Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre* and *Yom Kippur*. For these occasions a dignified, meaningful and carefully planned service will be held in the vestry. Seating will be assigned in comfortable chairs and the services will be complete and attractive.

Membership in this category will be $50 per year. For those desiring only one seat, a single membership of $30 is available. New members will be offered regular pew assignments in the main Auditorium as they become available.

Membership is available at a special rate of $30 per couple or $15 for a single membership to children of members or former members, former students of the Religious School, to those who were *Bar Mitzvah* and confirmed in the Synagogue, and active members in the Synagogue youth groups.

These memberships will continue for five years or until the first child is registered in the Religious School, whichever occurs first. The Membership Com-

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Confirmation Ceremonies Highlight 'Shabuot' Service

Eighteen Boys and Girls to be Graduated

On Sunday morning, May 25th, the annual Confirmation service will take place in the Synagogue auditorium. The service will commence at 9:30 a.m. It promises to be one of the gala events of the season. The Synagogue will be decorated with flowers, and the girl confirmants will carry bouquets.

Confirmation this year marks graduation from High School II, and for the first time in the recent history of the congregation, boys will be among those to be confirmed. Eighteen young people will be among those to participate in the colorful ceremonies. They will be: Joyce Braunstein, Joan Friedman, Ellen Godwin, Sylvia Hafftka, Nancy Helpern, Judith Kaplan, Stephanie Karmiol, Francine Kornzweig, Hugh Levy, Sue Miller, Jane Schwartz, Paul Seligson, Judith Segal, Nina Solomon, Susan Starkman, Bertram Targrove, Elinor Wechsler, and Stephen Weiss.

The class will present a cantata by Ben Aronin, entitled "I Believe." It is a moving musical drama, expressing the eternal faith of Israel. Each member of the class will receive a Bible as a gift from the Sisterhood. Mrs. Saul Godwin will make the presentations.

A formal supper dance in honor of the confirmants will be held in the Vestry on Thursday evening, May 29th. This gala celebration will be sponsored by the Sisterhood and the Parents' Association, together with the various Mothers' Committees which have worked through the year in the several classes.

Present arrangements call for a name band to supply dance music during the evening. In addition to tripping the light fantastic, the guests will be entertained by a real lively floor show.

Invitations will be limited to confirmants and their guests, including one extra couple each, and to those members of High School I and II who are not being confirmed. It was remarked that this will be a confirmation which the young people will remember. "So will their mothers," added a member of the Confirmation Committee.

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION SERVICES

Processional ..... Confirmants
Festival Worship
Player Before the Ark ..... Judith Segal
Scriptural Reading—Exodus XIX-XX
Judith Kaplan Nancy Helpern
Joyce Braunstein Stephen Weiss
Sylvia Hafftka Jane Schwartz
Prophetic Reading—Ezekiel I
Stephanie Karmiol Hugh Levy
Francine Kornzweig Elinor Wechsler
Prayer for America ..... Susan Starkman
Responsive Reading ..... Paul Seligson
ResponsiveReading ..... Joan Friedman
Prayer ..... Ellen Godwin
Prayer Before the Ark ... Bertram Targove
Hymn: "Who Shall Ascend?" ..... Choir
Floral Offering. Sue Miller, Nina Solomon
Hymn: Torat Emet ..... Choir
Cantato: "I Believe" ..... Confirmants
Awarding of Bibles ..... Mrs. Saul Godwin
Message to Confirmants and Benediction ..... Rabbi Milton Steinberg
Concluding Festival Worship

SCHEDULE OF SHABUOT SERVICES

First Evening ..... **Saturday, May 24th, 6:00 p.m.**
First Morning ..... **Sunday, May 25th, 9:30 a.m.**
Confirmation Service—Rabbi Steinberg will address the confirmants
Second Evening ..... **Sunday, May 25th, 6:00 p.m.**
Second Morning ..... **Monday, May 26th, 9:30 a.m.**

Rabbi Kertzer will preach

Yizkor Services will be held at approximately 11 a.m.

Please send a card to the Synagogue office before May 22nd if you desire the name of a loved one to be memorialized during the service.

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From the Desk of Rabbi Steinberg

Two immensely urgent tasks in Jewish life cry for doing these days. To both of them each of us has a contribution to make, and it is to press for the making of that contribution that the first half of this column is directed.

United Jewish Appeal Needs Our Donations

The men among us are being solicited through their professional and trade groups. Our Sisterhood, through a special committee headed by Mrs. Sanford Cohen, is reaching the women of our congregation.

Last year, our Sisterhood, I am proud to say, topped every other analogous women's organization in Metropolitan New York in the monies collected. All of us hope that that splendid achievement will be duplicated this year. To this end I ask every woman in our congregation to send her contribution to Mrs. Sanford Cohen, in care of the Synagogue, and to make that contribution as much larger than last year's as may be possible.

Jewish Palestine Needs Our Political Support

The decision at which the United Nations will arrive as to Palestine, will be the resultant of many factors. Among these, America's position will be one of the largest. Our State Department, however, is an unpredictable element in the picture. Its predilection would seem to be against Zionism. On the other hand, President Truman's public commitments and American political actualities operate in our favor.

It is vital that the latter forces be strengthened over the former. To that end, a stream of letters must flow from all of us to President Truman and General Marshall asking that our government use its fullest influence to the realization of a Jewish National Home, if not in the whole of Palestine, then in an adequate and viable portion of it. These should be letters of recommendation or appeal as the situation indicates.

Write such letters now. And write again and again, until the issue is resolved. To dispatch two communications a week is little enough to do for our brethren in Eretz Israel and in D.P. camps.

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No column which I have published in the BULLETIN has evoked so widespread a response as that in which I recommended that we change the name of our congregation to one which is Jewish and meaningful. The reaction, at least that much of it as has reached me, has been not only consistently favorable, but most enthusiastic.

Together with expressions of approbation, I have received specific suggestions for a new name. Some of these I am not listing because they are disqualified for one reason or another. Of those I shall reproduce, none sets me afire. Perhaps I shall be more ardent about one or another of them once they have had a chance to grow on me.

Here then — for what they may be worth, and to stimulate further discussion of the theme—are some of these recommendations:

Congregation *Torah V'Hayyim* (Torah and Life)

or

Torath Hayyim (Torah of Life)

Congregation *Masorah Hayah* (Living Tradition), a name which certainly expresses our Jewish ideology.

Beth Israel Eved (The House of Israel, The Servant) a phrase from the Book of Isaiah wherein Israel is described as the servant of God, dedicated to Him and to mankind.

Congregation *Har Zofin* (Mt. Scopus) the site of the Hebrew University.

Congregation *Agudah Ahath* (One Band) the phrase from the High Holy Day ritual descriptive of the unity of Israel in the service of God and man.

Beth Midrash U'Maaseh (The House of Learning and Practice).

Some phrasemaker in the congregation may succeed in making something of an epigram which I have long admired. It was struck off by Rabbi Abraham Kook, the late Chief Rabbi of Palestine. Rabbi Kook said:

Hayashan yishadesh, hahadash yiskadesh.

"Let the old be made new, let the new be made holy."

An admirable sentiment! Can anyone create a Synagogue-name from it?

And, are there any further suggestions? I shall receive them gratefully and consider them sympathetically.

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And to the readers of this column a fond farewell for the summer season, cordial good wishes for their personal health and happiness and earnest hopes for the speedy brightening of the social scene.

—MILTON STEINBERG

"Respice et Prospice"

This is the last issue of the current series of BULLETIN. We hope that you have enjoyed reading it even half as much as we have had a good time in putting it out. It has not been an easy job, but we have always felt that the effort was worth it. And if in any way BULLETIN has helped to bind Synagogue organizations closer together, and to give wider coverage to their many activities, we have performed our basic function.

But there is one problem which we have had to face, along with any other activity in this congregation, or in any other place where groups get together. *There aren't enough people to do the work that has to be done*, so that BULLETIN can be an even better paper in the future than it has been in the year just gone by. To hold our ground at this stage of the game means that we are moving backwards. We must have your very active cooperation and support if you think that a Synagogue newspaper is an important aspect of its work. *Can we count on you for next year?*

Thanks once again.

—THE STAFF

Births

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Gang on the birth of a daughter; to Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Marquith on the birth of a granddaughter.

Bar Mitzvahs

Our very best wishes to Martin Kahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius M. Kahn on his Bar Mitzvah on May 3rd; and to Paul Wender, son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Wender on his Bar Mitzvah on May 10th.

To the following young men whose Bar Mitzvah will be on the date indicated we offer our best wishes; to Alan Seigenfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Seigenfeld on May 24th; to Franklin Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davidson; Jules Kahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kahn on June 7th; to Allan Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Roth on June 14th; to Robert Bachner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bachner; to Arthur Seigenfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Seigenfeld on June 21st; to Douglas Mittelmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mittelmann; Robert Schwarz, son of Dr. and Mrs. Max Schwarz on June 28th; and to Stephen Bernstein, nephew of Mrs. Albert Gordon on July 5th.

Bas Mitzvah

Congratulations to Francine Kornzweig, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Abraham L. Kornzweig on her Bas Mitzvah on May 31st.

Engagement

Best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Julius Davis upon the engagement of their daughter Minette, to Dr. Bernard Brodoff.

Marriage

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Heller on the marriage of their daughter Naomi to Mr. Raymond M. Rosenbloom.

Anniversaries

Our heartiest congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. William Karmiol who will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on May 26th; to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wikler who celebrate their fifth anniversary on May 31st; to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Abrams who celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on June 2nd; to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gottlieb who celebrate on June 15th their forty-fifth wedding anniversary; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smolian and Dr. and Mrs. Harry Neivert who celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversaries on June 16th and 18th respectively; to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubin who celebrate their fifteenth anniversary on June 21st; to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Zuckerman who celebrate their tenth anniversary on June 24th; and last but not least to Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Rosenthal who celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on June 26th.

Death

Condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Clara Wolferman.

Picnic, Dance Close Junior League Season

The Junior League reelected Dudley I. Greenstein president for the coming 1947-48 season. Miss Jo Levy and Marvin Cohen were elected vice-presidents while Louis I. Heller will serve as treasurer with Miss Judy Strasburger as corresponding secretary and Miss Edith Straus as recording secretary. Miss Hortense Levy was again appointed chairman of the membership committee.

The League is now busy making plans for a dance, the final affair of the season, to be held on Sunday evening, June 8th, in the Vestry. Everyone is invited to the dance which is scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m. Tickets will be priced at $1 per person.

Junior League members are taking advantage of the offer to become members of the Synagogue with seats in the Vestry for the High Holydays. At present about 15 members have expressed a desire to join. It is hoped that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity.

The group is planning an all-day picnic June 15th with an outing at Lake Hopatcong. All members if they are planning to attend the picnic, are asked to contact Murray Katz immediately.

Museum of Hebraica Now in Warburg Home

The Jewish Museum sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, is now located at its new home in the former Felix M. Warburg residence, at the corner of 92nd Street and Fifth Avenue. Admittance is free to the public, the museum is open every day except Friday and Saturday, and is open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 9 P.M.

Sisterhood Speaks
by Dorothy Cross

The installation of the Sisterhood officers for the ensuing 1947-48 season will take place at the next and final Sisterhood meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 20th at 1:30 p.m.

The officers nominated are:

President.....Mrs. Harold Levin
1st Vice Pres.....Mrs. Benjamin Sack
2nd Vice Pres.....Mrs. Robert Gilbert
3rd Vice Pres.....Mrs. Irving Shapiro
4th Vice Pres.....Mrs. Harold Osserman
Treasurer.....Mrs. William Karmiol
Rec. Sec'y.....Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer
Corr. Sec'y.....Mrs. Maurice Manheimer
Fin. Sec'y.....Mrs. Mortimer Millheiser
Honorary Members of the Board
.....Mrs. Morris Edelman
.....Mrs. Joseph Lubin

In addition to the installation, annual reports will be read by the various committee chairmen and a musical program will follow.

Mrs. Louis Greenstein, chairman of the JDC drive, requests Sisterhood members attending the final meeting to bring as many cans of evaporated milk as possible.

Mrs. Sanford Cohen, chairmen of the Sisterhood's United Jewish Appeal drive, wishes to announce that while our group is running ahead of last year, the present objective of a 70% higher goal, has not as yet been achieved. She urges every one who has not sent in her contribution to this very important cause, to do so immediately, and help us maintain our high standard of returns.

Mrs. Frances Peiper, the outgoing president was honored by the members of the Executive Board with a luncheon on May 13th.

Well, another busy season has come to an end, and the feeling to stop and relax is upon us all. Hope you enjoy a restful and invigorating summer, and that we all meet again in the early autumn.

Membership Applicants

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mittee is particularly desirous of having every young person affiliated with the Synagogue take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Those interested may communicate with the Synagogue Office.

Mrs. Abrahamsen Urges Letters to Congress

Our readers will recall that in the March 17th issue of the BULLETIN, a letter from Mrs. Milton Grass answered Rabbi Milton Steinberg's appeal on behalf of *Haganah.* Her reply gave us much information on the subject of the proposed legislation now before the Congressional Committees for the admission of displaced persons to the United States, as well as ways in which each one of us could act effectively in solving the resettlement problem. Below we print Mrs. David A. Abrahamsen's letter which continues the plea for action in support of the Stratton Bill. We hope that you will follow the suggestions of Mrs. Grass and Mrs. Abrahamsen by writing to your representatives.

Dear Editor:

After many years of intense suffering, about 850,000 European refugees are still detained in camps—homeless. Almost none of the D.P.s has been resettled in new countries, including our own. As a young and rich nation amongst the family of nations we have a responsibility to take the lead in admitting a fair share, but our country has done nothing along these lines.

Much has been said and written about the need to modify the immigration restrictions during this state of emergency. Quite recently, an important bill was drawn up which would contribute much to help solve the displaced persons problem. Introduced by Rep. William G. Stratton of Illinois, it would permit 400,000 displaced persons to enter the United States in a period of four years, through the utilization of unused quotas.

This total of 400,000 would equal less than half the number of quota immigrants who could have legally come here during the war years. Under that system 918,000 people could have come into this country since 1939. One thing prevented these harried and oppressed people from coming to this country — Hitler and the Nazis. Nothing should prevent them now. Certainly not our indifference nor our neglect to act.

A large number of the refugees are agricultural and construction workers, and we have a shortage of such workers in this country. Like the Pilgrims and Huguenots, our war refugees have been the victims of bigotry and oppression abroad. Our country has been built, and it must continue to build, with such men as these.

Among the national organizations that have gone on record favoring the provisions of the Stratton Bill are the Federal Council of Churches in America, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the A.F. of L., the C.I.O., the United Council of American Veteran organizations and the major national Jewish organizations.

As individuals, what can we do? *Write your government representatives. Let them know how you feel.* Make it clear that your interest is not in any one group, for the problem is not exclusively a Jewish problem, and your interest in the displaced persons is an interest in human beings.

Sincerely,

LOVA ABRAHAMSEN

New Type Programs For Adult Education

The Committee on Adult Education has begun elaborate plans for its program next year. For the first time home study courses in almost every phase of Jewish life will be given. A subcommittee including Mrs. D. Leonard Cohen, Mrs. Saul Godwin, Mrs. Milton Grass, Mrs. Sandor Mark, and Mrs. Wilfred Wyler met with Rabbi Milton Steinberg and Rabbi Morris Kertzer to formulate these plans in greater detail.

It has also been suggested that a series of "spot" courses, consisting of approximately three lectures on a timely subject be offered sporadically throughout the year. The entire committee will meet again on Thursday evening, May 22nd to discuss further plans.

Palestine Life Display At Radio City Museum

One of the most complete exhibitions on life in Palestine is now on display in the Museum of Science and Industry in the RCA Building, Radio City. This exhibit which is being sponsored by the Economic Bureau of the Palestine Foundation Fund is a worthy one and every member of the Synagogue should go with his family to see this story of Palestine. It is open to the public everyday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; the admission is nominal.

School Highlights
by Alma D. Kaplan

A critical analysis of their textbook "Modern Jewish Problems" by Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn featured the recent sessions of Class 8. This group of thirteen year-olds under the guidance of Mr. Ed Schoffman has shown an ever-increasing awareness of contemporary Jewish problems.

Class 8 has participated actively in the performance of skits at various times during the year, and in the favorite "Penny Pitching" booth at the *Purim* carnival, which netted the largest income of the day, under the direction of Gerald Gotterer, Eva Konig, Elinor Kahn, and Ellen Bailyn. The star actors in their famous skit on "The Jew Throughout the Ages" featured Stephen Orgel, Neil Hertz, Stephen Howe, and Meta Colen.

Naomi Ostriker, Bernard Steinweg, Gerald Gotterer, and Ellen Bailyn prepared a decorative model of *Haganah* activity as part of the class participation in the model *Seder.*

Class 8 has also fared quite well in scholarship. It was runner-up to the class-of-the-month twice during the school year. As representative of the group, Stephen Orgel won two quiz contests.

In addition to their regular work, the young people in the class read and fully discussed Ira Hirschmann's "Lifeline to a Promised Land" and I. F. Stone's "Underground to Palestine," as part of their study of the Zionist question. The new Museum of Judaism recently opened by the Jewish Theological Seminary counted the young people of Class 8 among its first visitors earlier this month, as their final class function outside the classroom for the current year.

Cantor Putterman on International Tour

In an effort to bring better Jewish music to the many thousands away from the centers of Jewish life and culture in the United States, Cantor David J. Putterman has embarked on a two-week concert tour.

He will visit communities in Georgia, Texas and Mexico. It is hoped that this tour will help to promote a finer appreciation of the best in Jewish music.